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**Overview and Public Involvement** 

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#### EXHIBIT 2 OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

#### (a) Overview

Greens Corners Solar LLC (the Applicant) is proposing construction and operation of the 120-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) Greens Corners Solar Facility (the Facility) in the Towns of Hounsfield and Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. As a major solar electric generating facility the Applicant is submitting this application under Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law (the Application) for review by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) for a Siting Permit. Following are a brief description of the Facility, an overview of the relevant and material facts of the Facility, and a description of the Applicant's local engagement and outreach efforts.

# (1) Description of the Facility

The 120 MW Facility is proposed to be located on 26 land parcels, for a total of 3,031 acres (the Facility Area), in a rural agricultural and industrial area (see Figure 2-1). The Facility has been sited within the larger Facility Area in order to avoid potential impacts to sensitive habitats and adjacent residents to the maximum extent practicable. The maximum area to be disturbed during construction (the limit of disturbance or LOD) will be approximately 1,179 acres and the final fenced area during operation will be approximately 1,074 acres. The Facility will include the following components during construction and operation (see Figure 2-2).

# (i) Solar panels and racking

The Facility proposes to install approximately 511,056 bifacial solar panels affixed to a single-axis tracking racking system, which will allow the panels to track the sun's path through the day. The solar panel arrays will be installed on H-piles driven to a depth of 8 - 12 feet below grade, in rows aligned north-south, in 18 discrete sub-arrays. When in their upright position the panels will be 15 feet (15') high and have 2.65' of ground clearance; when in their horizontal position they will have 7 - 8' of ground clearance and 28' of space between the panel rows. The racking solution is '2P' featuring two modules in portrait across the rows of panels. The 2P racking solution with ample space between the panel rows is a design choice made by the Applicant in order to facilitate the implementation of agricultural activities during operation, as discussed in Exhibit 15 to this Application.

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#### (ii) Access roads

Existing public roads will be used to access the Facility, and 20 new access points will be constructed to access the solar arrays from the public roadways. Approximately 8 miles of 20' wide graveled access roads will be constructed for the Facility, following the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC's) pervious haul road specifications, providing access to each of the inverters and the substation. In addition, 20' wide non-graveled access corridors will be maintained around the array perimeters, between the panels and the fence. These access corridors will be vegetated during operation and will be accessible by low ground pressure vehicles such as ATVs and farm equipment. It is not anticipated that improvements to public roadways will be required.

#### (iii) Collector system

Approximately 13.7 miles of collector cabling will be installed, 90% of which will be buried. The collector cabling will include direct current (DC) electrical cables connecting the solar panels to the inverters, and AC electrical cables connecting the inverters to the substation. Communication cables will be co-located with the electrical cables. The installation of buried collector cabling has been prioritized throughout the Facility site, including construction of 12 horizontal directional drill crossings of roadways and wetlands to avoid overhead crossings and minimize visual and ecological impacts. Substantial lengths of overhead collector cabling has been limited to two locations, both of which parallel public roadways, one of which also has existing overhead cables and associated power poles. Two additional shorter lengths of overhead collector cabling, each less than 100' in length, are within the interior of the Facility to minimize wetlands impacts.

#### (iv) Inverters and inverter step-up transformers

The Facility has been designed with 44 inverters located throughout the site, which is more than will likely be needed in the final design. The Applicant has included 44 inverter locations in the Application layout as a conservative approach to ensure that the noise impact study, visual assessment, and archaeological survey adequately assess the potential final design configurations for the Facility. Each inverter is paired with a medium voltage step-up transformer.

#### (v) Substation

The Facility has been sited to minimize the need for transmission lines, and the existing National Grid 115-kilovolt (kV) electricity circuit named 'Coffeen to West Adams' runs through the southeast portion of the Facility Area. The Facility's point of interconnection (POI) is adjacent to the National Grid circuit,

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completely within the Facility Area, near the intersection of Massey St and Beutel Rd. No transmission lines are required outside of the Facility Area. The POI will include a Facility substation and high voltage step-up transformer, which will step-up the lower voltage electricity from the 34.5 kV collector cabling to 115 kV, in order to be connected to the existing National Grid transmission grid.

#### (vi) Perimeter fencing, security, and landscaping

Perimeter fencing will be installed around each of the 18 sub-arrays as well as the substation. The fencing will be 7 - 8' tall and include locked gates at each of the access points, which will only be accessible by employees of the Applicant and emergency responders. Security cameras and motion-activated lighting will also be installed at the substation, which will be locked and accessible only by employees of the Applicant.

Landscaping has been proposed in specific areas of the Facility to mitigate potential impacts to the visual environment. Landscaping will consist of a variety of evergreen trees that will help to screen portions of the Facility.

# (2) Overview of Application (i.e., relevant facts the Office shall consider in making its decision)

Construction and operation of the Facility will contribute to New York State's renewable electric generation capacity and advance important objectives of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the 2015 New York SEP, the Clean Energy Standard (CES), and other important state policies, which place New York on a path toward carbon neutrality. The Applicant has developed the Facility to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts to sensitive ecosystems and cultural and social resources. The following includes a summary of the assessment completed for the Facility in accordance with the Section 94-c regulations and discusses the findings, determinations, and considerations the Applicant would like ORES to consider when making its decision on this matter. The Facility Area is well suited for solar development, which allowed the Facility to avoid substantial impacts to many key criteria vetted in this Application, as outlined in Table 2-1 Impacts Avoided by Facility Location. Furthermore, the Applicant proactively designed the Facility in a manner which further avoided critical criteria vetted in this Application, as outlined in Table 2-2 Impacts Avoided by Facility Design. For criteria vetted in this Application where the Applicant could not reasonably avoid potential impact from the Facility, the Applicant has analyzed those impacts through desktop and on-site diligence and has proposed means of mitigation to offset those impacts in the components of this Application outlined in Table 2-3 Facility Impact Determinations and Mitigations. In addition to avoiding substantial impacts and providing reasonable and strong mitigation options, the Applicant has also proposed the Facility in a responsible and professional manner which aligns with the interest of the local communities (as vetted by thorough

community engagement efforts) and the renewable energy goals of New York State, as summarized in the Application criteria outlined in Table 2-4 Facility Impact Considerations. For this section (2) Overview of Application, each of the 25 Exhibits required in Section 94-c Subpart 900-2 is included exactly once in either Table 2-1, 2-2, 2-3 or 2-4.

# (i) Findings

Table 2-1 summarizes components of the environmental, cultural, and social impact assessment that, based on the Facility's location, the Applicant has determined that impacts are avoided during construction and operation.

**Table 2-1 Impacts Avoided by Facility Location** 

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings
	Mapping and assessments in accordance with §900-2.4	Facility conforms with local zoning and comprehensive plans
Exhibit 3 – Location of Facilities and Surrounding Land Use		All components sited within Facility Area, therefore no offsite components
		Facility conforms to surrounding land use of agriculture, rural residential, and industrial
Exhibit 9 – Cultural Resources	Phase 1A and 1B archaeological surveys	No archaeologically sites were identified, no further archaeological work required
	Historic architecture investigation	Report recommends a finding of no adverse effects on historic resources
Exhibit 10 - Geology, Seismology	Preliminary engineering report	Geotech inventories conclude site is suitable for solar; no blasting required
and Soils		No anticipated impacts from pile driving (e.g., vibratory)
		Very low seismic hazard risk
	al Ecosystems [describe work completed once that Exhibit is available]	No unique or rare natural communities in Facility Area
Exhibit 11 - Terrestrial Ecosystems		Temporary impacts from clearing for construction limited primarily to agricultural plant communities (row crop, hay, pasture)
		Permanent impacts minimized to conversion of access roads, inverters, and substation primarily limited to agricultural plant

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings
		communities (row crop, hay, pasture)
Exhibit 16 – Effect on Transportation	Traffic Study	Existing road conditions can support construction activities, minimal-to-no adverse traffic impacts anticipated; road signage proposed to increase safety
		Low vehicular traffic during operation, therefore low potential impacts
Exhibit 19 – Environmental Justice	Evaluation of proximity to Potential Environmental Justice communities	No adverse impacts to Environmental Justice Areas
Exhibit 20 - Communications	Desktop and field survey for telecommunications infrastructure	No anticipated impacts to underground telecommunications facilities, existing telecommunications network, or broadcast communication sources
	Facility located adjacent to POI	No off-site transmission line required
Exhibit 21 - Electric System Effects and Interconnection	System Impact Reliability Study completed by NYISO	No adverse impacts to ancillary services or electric transmission system identified; Elective SUF likely to be pursued by Applicant resulting in Coffeen substation improvements
Exhibit 22 – Electric and Magnetic Fields	POI wholly within Facility Area, no transmission lines required	No electric and magnetic field study required

In addition to the potential impacts that have been avoided through Facility location and inherent design characteristics, Table 2-2 summarizes potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts that the Applicant has avoided through refinements to the Facility layout and design.

**Table 2-2 Impacts Avoided by Facility Design** 

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings
	Defined levent to ensure	Complies with or exceeds §900-2.6(d) setbacks
Exhibit 5 – Design Drawings	Refined layout to ensure compliance with 94-c regulations and local ordinances	Complies with §900-2.8.b(2)(i)–(iv) noise thresholds
		Complies with setbacks in local ordinances

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings
Exhibit 7 – Noise and Vibration	Noise Impact Assessment based on conservative layout and equipment assumptions	Compliance with §900-2.8.b(2)(i)– (iv) thresholds
Exhibit 13 - Water Resources and	Wetland and waterbody delineation field survey	Facility design avoids impacts to surface waters
Aquatic Ecology	Groundwater well survey	No anticipated impacts to groundwater wells
Exhibit 24 – Local Laws and	Consultation with Towns regarding	No waivers requested from ORES
Ordinances	local ordinance development and interpretations	Setbacks in local ordinances reflected in site layout

# (ii) Determinations

Table 2-3 summarizes the components where, after avoiding and minimizing impacts to the maximum extent practicable, there are, or may be, potential impacts. As described below, the Applicant has proposed mitigation and/or compensation to minimize or offset these impacts, which require determinations by ORES.

**Table 2-3 – Facility Impact Determinations and Mitigations** 

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings	Proposed Mitigation / Compensation
Exhibit 8 – Visual Impacts	Visual Impact Assessment	Overall, the Facility will result in minimal to no change to the landscape conditions for most viewers within the Visual Study Area	Increased setbacks to Route 3 Scenic Byway, non-participating residences and public roads, based on stakeholder input  90% of collector line will be buried; overhead collector lines will be co- located parallel to public roads

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings	Proposed Mitigation / Compensation
			Discrete panel array areas are interspersed with natural vegetated landscapes
		No anticipated glare	Robust landscaping plan
	Visual Impact Minimization and Mitigation Plan	exposure on receptors or airports causing complaints or safety	Minimal lighting proposed
		hazards	Panels will have anti- reflective coating
	Wildlife Site Characterization report	569 acres of occupied wintering northern harrier habitat	Net Conservation Benefit Plan submitted with Application as per §900- 2.13(f)
Exhibit 12 – NYS	Winter Grassland Raptor Surveys		Compliance with USC §900-6.4(o)(3)(i)-(ix)
Threatened and	Breeding Bird Surveys		
Endangered Species	Bat Habitat Assessment	Occupied habitat of Northern long-eared bat	Compliance with USC §900-6.4(o)(4)(iii)(b)
		Occupied habitat of Indiana bat	Compliance with USC \$900-6.4(o)(4)(iv)
			Maintenance of 34.4% forest cover in vicinity of Facility
Exhibit 14 - Wetlands	Wetland and waterbody delineation field survey	Temporary disturbance to State Jurisdictional adjacent areas limited to 1.82 acres	Collector line crossings of State Jurisdictional wetlands and adjacent areas will be completed with horizontal directional drilling, with all disturbance occurring outside of wetlands and adjacent areas

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Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings	Proposed Mitigation / Compensation
			Temporary disturbance of adjacent areas related to tree clearing for overhead collector pole installation directly alongside existing roadway
		Permanent impact to State Jurisdictional wetlands limited to <0.01 acres	Disturbance to State Jurisdictional wetland related to installation of overhead collector lines poles directly adjacent to existing roadway
		Permanent conversion to State Jurisdictional wetlands limited to 0.66	Disturbance to State Jurisdictional wetland related to tree clearing to install overhead collector line directly adjacent to existing roadway
		acres of Class II wetland	Disturbance area minimized to maximum extent practicable
		Permanent impacts to USACE wetlands limited to 0.16 acres.	Applicant will apply for NWP51 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
			Compliance with USC §900-6.4(s)(1)(i)&(ii)
	•	615.62 acres of active agricultural land impacted	Compliance with USC §900-6.4(s)(1)(i)&(ii)
Exhibit 15 – Agricultural Resources			Solar is a reversible land use; following Facility decommissioning and restoration the land can return to agricultural production
	Agricultural Co- Utilization Plan	779 acres available for agricultural activities during operation	Applicant to follow evaluation process outlined in Agricultural Multi-Use Plan to facilitate implementation of agricultural activities during operation

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Findings	Proposed Mitigation / Compensation
			Applicant to implement two Pilot Projects to collect data to increase understanding of agricultural multi-use activities

# (iii) Considerations

Table 2-4 outlines additional considerations the Applicant would like ORES to consider when making a decision on this matter.

**Table 2-4 – Facility Impact Considerations** 

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Outcome
Exhibit 1 – General Overview	Applicant has 30+ years experience in renewable energy globally as a developer, owner and operator, including 18 years operating hydro facilities in New York State.	Applicant is an experienced capable or professional development, construction, operation, ownership and decommissioning of a renewable energy facility.
	Thorough and consistent	Thorough project awareness in the local community
Exhibit 2 – Overview and Summary of Public Involvement	community engagement with host communities and Facility stakeholders, including three series of open houses dating to 2019	Proactive Facility design considerations reflective of community interests, including increased residential setbacks, increased setback from Route 3 Scenic Byway, and dedication to explore agricultural co-utilization
	Pre-Application Meetings with local agencies and community members at least 60 days before Application submission	
	Notice of Intent to file at least 60 days and 3 days before Application submission	Compliance with §900-1-3(a),(b)&(d) and §900-1.6(c)
	Pre-Application agency engagement	
Exhibit 4 – Real Property	Site control secured for majority of parcels and Applicant can obtain site control for remaining parcels	Various landowners in local community will benefit from lease, purchase, or easement for land hosting the Facility

Section 94-c Exhibit	Work Completed	Outcome
		No adverse public health impacts
Exhibit 6 – Public Health and	Evaluation of potential safety and security risks during construction	No risk of emergencies requiring community evacuation
Safety	and operation	Robust Site Safety Plan and Safety Response Plan based on construction and operation experience of 2,455 MW
		Consistency with SEP and CLCPA
Exhibit 17 – Consistency with Energy Planning Objectives	Analysis of Facility's compliance with NYS energy planning	Contributes to reaching NYS goal of 100% carbon free electricity by 2040
	objectives	Contributes to reaching 85% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050
	Analysis of potential	108 FTEs during construction
Exhibit 18 – Socioeconomic Effects	socioeconomic impacts and benefits during construction and operation	2.5 FTEs during operation
	during constituents and operation	PILOT negotiations ongoing
		Decommissioning costs including salvage value quantified
Exhibit 23 –Site Restoration and Decommissioning	Developed robust site restoration and decommissioning plan	Decommissioning surety outlined
		Decommissioning estimate to be updated every 5 years
Exhibit 25 – Other Permits and Approvals	Evaluation of all other permits and approvals required for construction and operation of the Facility	Review time for other permits and approvals included in the Facility schedule

As described in Tables 2-1 through 2-4, the Applicant has designed the Facility to avoid and minimize potential impacts during construction and operation to the maximum extent practicable. Where potential impacts remained after avoidance and minimization, the Applicant has committed to mitigations to reduce those impacts.

The Applicant has over 30-years of experience developing, constructing, and operating renewable energy facilities, including over 18-years of experience operating renewable energy facilities in New York State. The Facility complies with the State's energy planning objectives and contributes to meeting the State's

goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 85% by 2050 and generating electricity entirely from carbon free sources by 2040.

#### (b) Brief Description of the Public Involvement Program before Submission of the Application

Consultation with stakeholders has been ongoing since preparation of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan developed as part of the Article 10 requirements in 2019. The Applicant hosted a series of openhouse style meetings in the Facility community as part of the Article 10 requirements. The first open house series occurred over a two-day period, with the first day being on November 19, 2019 at the Watertown Fire Department in the Town of Watertown and the second day being on November 20, 2019 at the American Legion on Ambrose Street, Sackets Harbor in the Town of Hounsfield. The Applicant hosted a second open-house style event on January 29, 2020 at the Hounsfield Town Barn in the Town of Hounsfield. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a third open-house event was held virtually over two sessions on December 18, 2020 and December 22, 2020. For all of the aforementioned events, the Applicant provided advance notice of the events via direct postcard mailings, e-mail, media advertisements in local print newspapers and in an online news publication. The Applicant has completed the consultations identified in the PIP Plan, as well as additional stakeholder meetings and communications.

In addition to the community open houses, the Applicant has also met individually with various local stakeholders, including but not limited to, town officials, town boards, local elected officials, Fort Drum, the Watertown International Airport, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, the Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, Tug Hill Commission, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and local residents in the surrounding area. The Applicant has prioritized thoughtfully incorporating stakeholder feedback, which will continue through development, construction, and operation of the Facility. While open house events and various outreach efforts have been maintained for all Facility stakeholders, the Applicant is providing a more thorough description, below, of engagement with the two host communities, as the Applicant recognizes the importance of the Towns as entities which represent the broader interest of their constituents.

### Town of Hounsfield

The Town of Hounsfield, the host community for approximately two-thirds or the Facility, has been generally receptive to the Facility. Primary concerns and feedback from the Town of Hounsfield and Hounsfield residents near the Facility included potential impacts to the Route 3 Olympic Trail scenic byway, character of the landscape, residential property values, and residential setbacks and screening of the

Facility. The Applicant has remained engaged with the Town of Hounsfield through both public agency meetings (e.g., Planning Board meetings) and private meetings with Town officials to present project progress updates and answer questions. In response to this feedback, the Applicant has included a voluntary 500' setback and proposed vegetated screening along the Route 3 Olympic Trail scenic byway, as described further in Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 8. The Applicant has also substantially increased setbacks to be more generous than the Town bylaw setbacks applicable to solar and the 94-c setbacks (§900-2.6(d)), including a 100' setback from all road Right-of-Ways and a 400' setback from all occupied residences. The Applicant has also proposed vegetated screening for occupied non-participating residents in close proximity to the Facility. The Applicant has established open one-on-one dialogue with various residents who reside adjacent to the Facility to discuss concerns and design accommodations and will continue to stay engaged with those residents as well as the Town.

### Town of Watertown

Over the past two years through this Application submission, the Applicant has been equally engaged with the Town of Watertown and related stakeholders, and will remain so through Facility development, construction and operation. The Town of Watertown hosts approximately one-third of the Facility as well as the Point of Interconnection (POI). The Applicant has remained engaged with the Town of Watertown through both public agency meetings (e.g., Planning Board meetings) and private meetings with Town officials to present project progress updates and answer questions. Through early stages of the Facility development the Town of Watertown did not have a bylaw applicable to utility-scale solar. Primary concerns and feedback from the Town of Watertown and Watertown residents included character of the landscape, residential property values, residential setbacks and screening of the Facility, and loss of agricultural lands. Loss of agricultural lands was also of primary interest to other stakeholders including the Jefferson County Economic Development Agency, The Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and other regional stakeholders. The Applicant consistently portrayed an intent to explore agricultural co-utilization strategies for the entire Facility with all stakeholders, including the Town of Watertown. Further information on the materialization of the Applicant's intent for co-utilization can be found in Exhibit 15. In December 2020 the Applicant presented a Facility design to the local host agencies, including the Town of Watertown. This initial design incorporated increased setbacks to non-participating occupied residences relative to the Section 94-c setbacks (§900-2.6(d)), to respond to stakeholder feedback. From December 2020 through March 2021 the Applicant was actively engaged in participating in the Town of Watertown's process of adopting a new solar bylaw. The new solar bylaw would be applicable to all solar developments in the Town of Watertown, however a certain degree of public attention focused on the

implications of the new solar bylaw on the Applicant's Facility as the Facility was an actively proposed solar development in the Town. In March 2021, the Town of Watertown enacted a new solar bylaw, which features substantially greater setbacks than those indicated in §900-2.6(d). In subsequent discussions with the Town of Watertown, both residents in the nearby vicinity of the Applicant's Facility and host landowners of the Facility felt relatively satisfied that the Town had established a solar bylaw which was fair and reasonable to all parties and was representative of the varying interest amongst the Town's constituents. Although the Applicant was in the final stages of the Application submission preparation, the Applicant was able to re-design the Facility to accommodate all of the substantive law requirements in the Town's bylaw adopted in March 2021 as part of this Application submission, as outlined in Exhibit 24. The Facility design, therefore, notably features design setbacks in both the Town of Watertown and the Town of Hounsfield (to keep consistency for all residents near the Facility) of (including but not limited to) 100' setbacks from the edge of all ROW's and 400' setbacks from all non-participating occupied residences. The Applicant has also proposed vegetated screening for occupied non-participating residents in close proximity to the Facility. The Applicant has established open one-on-one dialogue with various residents who reside adjacent to the Facility to discuss concerns and design accommodations and will continue to stay engaged with those residents as well as the Town.

# **Pre-Application Requirements**

In accordance with §900-1.3(a) – (d) and §900-1.6(c), the Applicant has completed the following:

# §900-1.3

- (a) Consultation with Local Agencies: The Applicant held virtual pre-application meetings with the Town of Hounsfield on December 16, 2020, the Town of Watertown on December 16, 2020, and Jefferson County on December 17, 2020.
- (b) Meeting with community members: The Applicant held the virtual open-house style preapplication meetings with community members on December 18 and 22, 2021 as described above.
- (c) Transcripts of pre-application meetings: The presentation materials and meeting notes from the pre-application meetings described above are included as Appendix 2-A to this Exhibit.
- (d) 60-day notice of intent to file an application: The Applicant provided the following 60-day notice of intent to file an application with the invitation to the community open houses:
  - An email copy of the notice and invitation was provided to the Office December 4, 2020

- The notice and invitation were printed in the Watertown Daily Times newspaper December 3, 2020 and in the Penny Saver, a free local newspaper, December 4, 2020
- The notice and invitation were served, on December 5, 2020, via US Postal Service, Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) to 2,236 businesses and residences. The mailing was sent to every address on four different postal routes: 13606R001 (476 Mail Pieces), 13634R003 (570 Mail Pieces), 13601R001 (521 Mail Pieces), and 13601R003 (669 Mail Pieces). The routes were selected to ensure that all addresses within a 1-mile radius of Greens Corners Solar received the notice.
- An email notice and invitation were provided to Senator Patty Ritchie, Assembly Member Mark Walcyzk, and Assembly Member Ken Blackbush December 4, 2020.

The Affidavits of Publication, Affidavit of Service, and copies of emails described above are included in Appendix 2-B.

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- (c) 3-day notice of intent to file application: The Applicant provided the 3-day notice of intent to file an application as follows:
  - An email copy of the notice was provided to the Office June 4, 2021
  - The notice was published in the Thousand Islands Sun newspaper May 21, 2021, the Watertown Daily Times newspaper May 23, 2021, and the Penny Saver, a free local newspaper, May 28, 2021
  - The notice was served, on May 25, 2021, via US Postal Service, Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) to 2,236 businesses and residences. The mailing was sent to every address on four different postal routes: 13606R001 (476 Mail Pieces), 13634R003 (570 Mail Pieces), 13601R001 (521 Mail Pieces), and 13601R003 (669 Mail Pieces). The routes were selected to ensure that all addresses within a 1-mile radius of Greens Corners Solar received the notice.
  - An email notice was provided to Senator Patty Ritchie, Assembly Member Mark Walcyzk, and Assembly Member Ken Blackbush June 4, 2021

The Affidavits of Publication, Affidavit of Service, and copies of emails described above are included in Appendix 2-B.

The Applicant has a Facility-specific website (<a href="https://www.boralex.com/projects/greens-corners/">https://www.boralex.com/projects/greens-corners/</a>) and a toll-free number (844-990-9146) to assist with any questions or comments. The presentation materials from

the December 2020 open houses are available on the website, along with information on the Facility, the 94-c process, and the availability of local agency account funds. The Applicant will also provide paper and electronic copies of the 94-c Application at the following repositories: Flower Memorial Library and Hay Memorial Library. Electronic copies of major Facility documents are on the Facility's website, all Article 10 documents and filings are on the Siting Board's website, and all Section 94-c documents and filings will be on the ORES website.

A Stakeholder Engagement Log has been maintained by the Applicant since commencement of the Facility development under Article 10 in 2019, which is included as Appendix 2-C.

#### (c) Brief Description of the Public Involvement Program after Submission of Application

The Applicant will continue their public outreach activities while the Facility is under Section 94-c review and during the permitting process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the 94-c review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-permit phase).

Public outreach activities will include periodically updating the Master Stakeholder List; attending stakeholder meetings to provide Facility updates, if applicable; providing notice of construction activities to stakeholders; and implementing complaint-resolution procedures. Ongoing consultation activities will be tracked in the Applicant's Stakeholder Engagement Log. The Facility specific website and toll-free number will remain available for stakeholders to obtain information about the Facility and submit inquires.